



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1045

1. **Title of Project:** Post Adoptive Services - 5th Judicial Circuit

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Dennis Baxley

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/18/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Adoption2Action, Inc. currently provides post adoptive services to Lake, Sumter, Citrus, Marion and Hernando Counties. These services include one on one in-home direct case management, educational advocacy, resource and referral navigation, therapy services (both within the home and within our office location), monthly support group meetings, and general support on behalf of Florida's Adoptive Families.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Children and Families

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	325,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	325,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	325,000	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	325,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2017-18		250,000	HB 337	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$325,000.

10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
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Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	This will be the salary for the President/CEO	68,000
Other Salary and Benefits	This will be a Health Insurance/Retirement Stipend	5,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office Expenses/Supplies and travel for training, conferences and speaking engagements.	12,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries for therapists, case managers, and other support staff. This also includes a community advocate and administrative support position.	195,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office expenses and supplies, travel for support staff and health insurance/retirement stipend.	30,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Attorney and Accountant Fees	15,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		325,000

11. Program Performance:

a. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?

The specific goal of this funding is to continue to assess the needs of adoptive families in the 5th judicial circuit, and be able to tailor and create unique support services that specifically target and cater to each family, and also to continue the current services that are being provided.

b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

The current services that are being provided include one on one in-home direct case management, educational advocacy, resource and referral navigation, therapy services (both within the home and within our office locations), and monthly post adoptive support group meetings.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Direct services include in home case management (with at least one case manager in each county), therapy (either in home or in office), educational advocacy (attending 504/IEP meetings, as well as working with school staff to ensure the needs of the child are being met educationally), assistance with referring/applying for secondary services, and monthly post adoptive support group meetings.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The target population that services will be provided to consists of children who have been adopted out of Florida's Foster Care System and their families. Adoption2Action, Inc. also provides services to families involved in relative caregiver or permanent guardianship situations.



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e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

The expected outcome of this project is to assist adoptive families by providing post adoptive services to them, therefore reducing the number of adoption dissolutions. From 2011-2016, there were 348 adoption dissolutions in the State of Florida. This means that 348 adopted children were returned back into the Florida Foster Care System. The data provided by the State of Florida Department of Children and Families states the following-CBC Lead Agencies reported that often adoptions that occurred years ago when the child was a younger age are the population of children who are now having dissolutions. By pro-actively reaching out to these families and providing services to them, adoption dissolutions will be reduced. Outcomes will be measured by number of services provided and the type of services provided. It will also be measured by surveys done by the adoptive family and the return on investment report done quarterly.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

The suggested penalties will include repayment of any payments as well as an extra fee for not meeting any deliverables.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** Adoption2Action, Inc.
- c. **E-mail Address:** brandonm@adoption2action.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (352)422-1664

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Adoption2Action, Inc.
- b. **County:** Sumter
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**